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First Named Inventor	Jeffrey R. Sampson			
Application Number	09/632,639			
Filing Date	July 31, 2000			
Group Art Unit	1635			
Examiner Name	Jane J. Zara			
Confirmation No.	3760			
Title	Inhibition of Target			
	Mediated Cross			
	Hybridization			

Dear Sir:

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This communication is responsive to the Office Action dated October 2, 2002. In view of the enclosed petition for a one-month extension of time, this response is due on or before February 2, 2004. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

In view of the remarks put forth below, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.